Julie Skipanon River
Dredging

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Mr. Herb Palmberg
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Dear Herb:

I appreciate your remarks about our recent Public Notice for use of the channel flusher SANDWICK at the mouth of the Skipanon Project. As you know, materials at the extreme northern end of the Skipanon Project are more sandy and have less organics in them than in the inner reaches. Sandy materials with little organics are generally acceptable for inwater or channel flushing type disposal with the resource agencies.

Materials such as those in the slips in the Port of Astoria are generally more fine in nature, are made up of a considerable percentage of organics, and other materials that are considered pollutants by some of the agencies. It is possible that removal of those materials on a small scale basis and discharging them into the waters of the adjacent Columbia River may be acceptable if conditions such as ebb tide discharge only, specific discharge size, etc., were adhered to. We have recommended to the Port of Astoria that they consider submitting a permit request so that this type of activity could be screened with the resource agencies for their opinions.

I enjoy your periodic visits to this office and hope you keep up your active role in channel maintenance activities by us and the local ports throughout the Portland District area. Your interest and comments in these activities contribute to the continuing need to find better ways to accomplish our mission.

Sincerely,

A. J. HEINEMAN
Chief, Navigation Division